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## **Operation KUDOS kicks off at Forbes on August 2, 2003**

TOPEKA, Kan. – On August 2, 2003 the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing will launch Operation KUDOS (Kids Understanding Deployment Operations). Operation KUDOS is designed to give children of military members a better understanding of the process of mobilization.

During the exercise children will experience a “mobilization processing line,” “intelligence briefing,” receive duffle bags, dog-tags, and “deployment orders.” Upon completion of the briefings and processing lines, the children will board a KC-135 aircraft in preparation for their “deployment.” While on board the children will receive a tour of the aircraft and be able to ask questions about the inner workings of an Air National Guard tanker.

The name “Operation KUDOS” was coined at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Tinker was the third active duty base (following Hill AFB and Dover AFB) to assemble a mock deployment for children. The 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing is the first Air National Guard base to host a mock deployment with the intensity and organization of most active duty Air Force bases.

If you would like the opportunity to cover this event for your news organization, please call Tonya VanSickle, Family Readiness Coordinator at 861-4940.

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